

REMARKS

Rejections Under 35 USC §102 and 35 USC §103

Claims 34 and 37-38 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by List et al. (US Patent No. 6,706,584).

Claims 48-49 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over List et al. taken with Kubacki (US Patent No. 6,794,098).

With respect to the rejected claims, independent claim 34 has been amended to recite the step of "forming at least one terminal contact on the die in electrical communication with either the first electrode or the second electrode". Similarly, independent claim 48 has been amended to recite the step of "forming at least one terminal contact on the die in electrical communication with either the first electrode or the second electrode".

The terminal contact limitations are submitted to distinguish the rejected claims from the prior art including List et al., and the combination of List et al. and Kubacki. In this regard, the prior art does not disclose or suggest a terminal contact forming step in combination with the other recited steps of the method. The terminal contact forming step is shown in Figure 4F, and is described on page 14, line 14, to page 15, line 15 of the specification.

Allowed and Objected to Claims

Claims 26-33 and 39-43 have been allowed.

Claims 35-36 and 50 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

With respect to the objected to claims, claim 35 has been rewritten in independent form with the limitations of independent claim 34. In addition, claim 36 has been rewritten in independent form with the limitations of

independent claim 34. Further, claim 50 has been rewritten in independent form with the limitations of independent claim 48.

Information Disclosure Statement

Please note that Applicant had previously filed an Information Disclosure Statement dated June 20, 2005. This IDS apparently did not reach the Examiner prior to the mailing of the Office Action. However, consideration of the references in the IDS, and an initialed copy of the form PTO/SB/08A, are requested.

Amendments to the Specification

In addition to the amendments to the claims, the specification has been amended. Specifically, the "Cross Reference To Related Applications" has been amended to include a patent number for the issued parent application, and to cite a related continuation of the parent application.


Conclusion

In view of the amendments and arguments, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 26-50 is requested. Should any issues arise that will advance this case to allowance, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted:

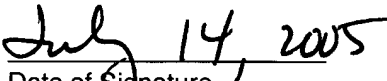



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